

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body. First of all, I want to make everyone aware that this amendment was...motion was filed last week after we had concluded debate, I believe it was on Thursday, on the budget bill. I had no idea what other amendments would be filed, and still don't know what other amendments may be filed. I do understand that there has been at least one amendment, additional amendment filed. There may be others being filed, and the point is this is the time of the session when we do, in fact, need to move on. We have after today about four days left for actual consideration of changes in legislation, either advancing bills or bringing bills back. If you look on your list, you will see LB 658 is back, and I anticipate a fairly lengthy discussion on the issue of gun-free schools. Special education, we've been treated to a little, I don't know if treated is necessarily the right word, but we have been...had a little bit of an advanced warning on that may be a fairly difficult bill. The throw-back rule is still before us, the issue of controlled shooting areas, the license revocation for nonpayment of child support, the welfare bill, the crime bill, and the bill dealing with property tax limitations. In addition to that, we have a number of bills on Final Reading that we have not been able to schedule the time for any sort of controversial types of issues to be brought back from Final Reading, and I am hopeful that we will be able to do...to do that yet. The ones pending yet today are not particularly controversial. On the budget bill, we have now spent 14 hours approximately on consideration of this bill on Select File, and I think, the record, I think Senator Bernard-Stevens, I shouldn't say this or somebody will move to reconsider your amendment that was adopted, I think a \$25,000 change other than an amendment proposed by the Appropriations Committee itself has been about all that has taken place. I tried a cloture motion the other day, Thursday. I think there were 30 votes available for cloture. There were not the 33 at that time. There were a number of members absent. Sometime during the session, it is time to move on, and I think that time is now before us. We need to move on. I would suggest that you adopt this motion. Passage of this motion would mean that we would, if it receives 30 votes, we would then proceed to vote immediately on the advancement of LB 392.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I never support motions to cease debate. I never vote in